



ALLIES' SHIPS HIT AND SUNK BY TORPEDOES

Admiral Carden Reported Killed or Wounded by Turks. 750 Men Lost.

Constantinople Declares Warship Africa Has Also Been Sent to Bottom in Addition to Irresistible, Bouvet and Ocean.

Three Dreadnoughts Rushing to Aid of Allied Fleet—Only 64 of Crew on French Vessel Were Saved—English Realized Difficulties in Forcing Strait.

LONDON, March 20. That Vice Admiral Carden, commanding the Allied fleet at the Dardanelles, either was killed or badly wounded in the engagement inside the strait on Thursday was the report that gained much credence here today.

Unofficial denials came from the Admiralty. It was stated that, aside from the loss of the French battleship Bouvet and the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, no serious casualties had been suffered by the fleet. Dispatches to the Admiralty early today indicated that the Turkish report insisted that the Africa, not the Ocean, was sunk. This claim is believed to be an error. The Ocean, which the British Admiralty admits was sent to the bottom, was of similar construction to the Africa, and the Turkish observers might easily have assumed that she was the latter vessel.

A later Constantinople dispatch states that the Africa was sunk in addition to the three battleships previously reported. According to these dispatches, submarines took an active part in defending the Dardanelles forts. This claim is emphatically denied by the Admiralty.

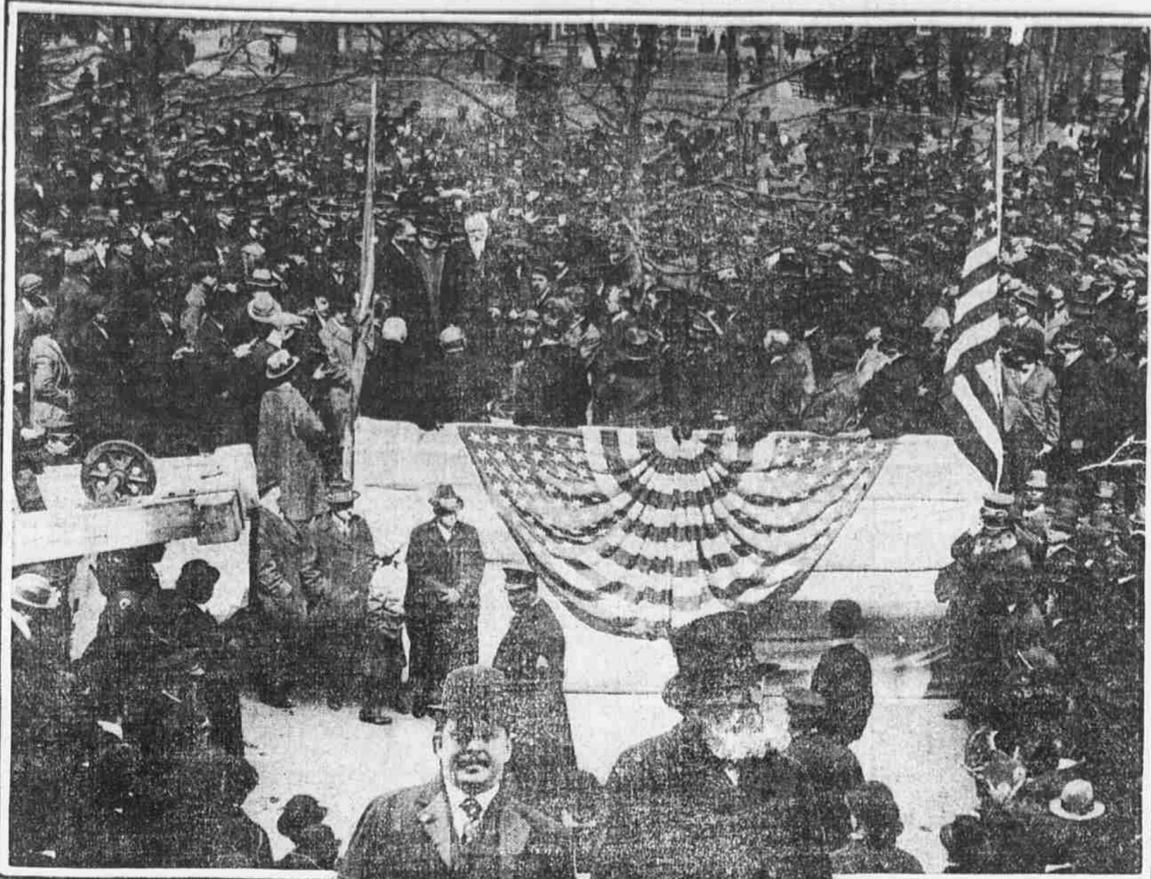
MORE THAN 700 PERISH. Rear Admiral Guepratte, commanding the French squadron at the Dardanelles, sent the following dispatch to the French Ministry of Marine today: "Despite the loss of the Bouvet, we are fully satisfied by the results of the latest action at the Dardanelles. The English naval officers are openly expressing their appreciation of the brilliant and important part taken by the French warships."

A Constantinople dispatch says: "More than 750 French and British sailors perished as a result of the unsuccessful attack made by the Allies' fleet upon the Dardanelles forts Thursday, according to information that reached here today. The heaviest loss of life was among the crew of the French battleship Bouvet and the British battleship Irresistible, both of which were sunk."

"Of the crew of the Bouvet, numbering more than 600 men, only three escaped."

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MAYOR TURNS FIRST EARTH FOR CITY'S GREAT TRANSIT SYSTEM



AUSTRIA TO CEDE TRENT AND FRIULI, RUMORED IN ITALY

Preliminary Agreement Said to Have Been Signed After Emperor Francis Joseph Held Conference With His Ministers.

ROME, March 20. Reports were current in diplomatic circles today that Austria had agreed to cede the districts of Trent and Friuli to Italy and that the preliminary draft providing for the cession was signed in Vienna last Sunday. No official confirmation of the reports was obtainable, but those circulating them declared they emanated from the Austrian Embassy. Officials of the embassy refused to comment.

The reports caused an unfavorable impression upon the Italian public, which is clamoring for Trieste also. According to the reports, Emperor Francis Joseph consulted with the Austrian Premier, Foreign Minister and Minister of War before even considering the cession of Austrian territory and then called upon the Chief of Staff of the Austrian army for his opinion. The Chief of Staff is said to have stated that the military situation upon the Italian border was precarious.

Doubt as to the accuracy of these reports was expressed by prominent Italian officials today, but they asserted that even if the rumors were true there were still "many subordinate questions" that might block a successful termination of the negotiations.

TAUBES DROP BOMBS ON BRITISH TOWNS

Deal Escapes Damage From Explosives—Thames Naval Base Reported Attacked.

DOVER, Eng., March 20. A Taube flew over the town of Deal, eight miles north of Dover, this forenoon, dropping several bombs. The German aviator dropped explosives from his machine, but all fell into the sea. A naval patrol boat fired several shots at the aeroplane, which disappeared to the eastward.

TAUBES ATTACK STEAMSHIP SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng., March 20. German aeroplanes cruising over the North Sea attacked with bombs the steamer Cordoba as she was entering Yarmouth harbor, but the missiles did no damage and the Taubes were chased away by British airmen. Although the attack was made on February 28 news of it did not become known until today.

TAUBES RAID THE THAMES BERLIN, March 20.—According to the Overseas News Agency, reports have reached Berlin that two German aviators have bombed the British arsenal at Sheerness, the British naval base at the mouth of the Thames.

RECORD THROWS IN RUSH TO HEAR SUNDAY

Tabernacle Audience Grows in Numbers as Revival Draws to a Close.

Throngs, greater in number than have hitherto appeared at the tabernacle, stormed the big structure this afternoon to hear "Billy" Sunday preach the first of his six farewell sermons. "Billy" will leave this city tomorrow night, at 10:25 o'clock, after preaching four sermons on the final day of the revival.

SUFFRAGISTS MAKE VIGOROUS PLEA AT CITY HALL RALLY

Great Demonstration in Behalf of Votes for Women. Presage of Success at Polls.

Massed about the four sides of the City Hall today stood thousands of persons who heard woman suffrage evangelized. The audience represented every walk of life. Every suffrage organization in Philadelphia and vicinity was represented either through a speaker or a banner. The gathering today was to celebrate the passing of the suffrage bill by the Pennsylvania Legislature.

The meeting, which was scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m., really began long before that hour. Before the platforms were arranged at the various places crowds began to gather around the four sides of the building. When the official speakers arrived they were confronted by enthusiasts who were trying to convert women and men who happened to be in the vicinity.

Headed by Miss Caroline Katzenstein, came the Equal Suffrage League, including Miss Sophia H. Dulter, Miss Fanny Travis Cochran, Miss N. J. Schoener, Miss Dora Pisker and Miss Dille Hastings. They took possession of the south side of the plaza. Each member of the delegation wore yellow ribbons tied about her arms. As Miss Katzenstein and her friends reached the scene, the crowd, which had been busy in converting anti, gave them a loud cheer.

The crowd which stood about the City Hall was estimated by Police Captain Mills as one of the largest he had seen within the last year. At open windows of buildings stood lawyers, merchants, stenographers, clerks and office boys, who waved handkerchiefs and listened to the speeches. Passing automobiles stopped and the occupants listened to every word uttered.

While the Equal Franchise Society was holding its meeting at the North Plaza, a delegation of traveling salesmen walked out of the Broad Street Station. They walked in a body over to the North Plaza. Sample cases were placed on the sidewalk by the salesmen, and they turned their attention to Miss Mary Winsor. As she spoke the men cheered her.

BLACKJACKED AND ROBBED

Man Held Up by Footpads and His Money Stolen. William H. McCandless, grocer and provisioner of 328 South 19th street, was struck over the head with a blackjack and robbed of \$5 by two men early this morning. The hold-up occurred at the corner of 19th and Sansom streets.

GIRL GETS CLUE TO BURGLARY ON PHONE

Hears Man's Shout of Pain When He Cuts Wrist and Calls Police. Presence of mind on the part of Miss Vera McMenamin, a telephone operator attached to the Manayunk station, whose suspicions were aroused by a signal from the office of the coal yard of C. O. Struse & Son, 402 Ridge avenue, was instrumental in capturing a man who is accused of breaking into the place.

GOV. BRUNBAUGH VETOES DELAWARE RIVER PILOT ACT

Says Present Time Is "Inopportune to Increase Wages." HARRISBURG, March 20.—The bill to increase the fees of pilots on the Delaware River was vetoed this afternoon by Governor Brumbaugh. In his statement accompanying the veto, the Governor said: "The intent of this bill is to increase the fees of pilots on the Delaware River. These pilots perform in a capable manner an important service. They deserve a liberal compensation for their services. In the present condition of business it does not appear that they are underpaid. Moreover, this is an unfortunate year, not only for them but for all parties interested in the commerce of the river. An earnest effort is now being made to increase the business of the port of Philadelphia. In this increase the pilots will have a substantial share. All increased fees at this time would interfere with the general attractiveness to shippers of our port."

"Billy" Sunday in Paterson

On Sunday, March 22, or soon thereafter, "Billy" Sunday will open a six or seven-week evangelistic campaign in Paterson, N. J. Hundreds of thousands of persons have heard the evangelist during the last 11 weeks in Philadelphia, tens of thousands of men and women have "hit the trail," and these, with thousands of others, will be anxious to read of Mr. Sunday's work in the New Jersey city.

WOMAN DROWNED IN WELL

POITTSVILLE, Pa., March 20.—Falling into a 2-foot well, Miss Catherine Gallagher, 33, was drowned at Duncan, near here, today.

LATE BULLETINS

PUBLIC HEARING OF MOVIE CENSOR CHARGES Governor Brumbaugh announced at Harrisburg this afternoon that a public hearing would be held to discuss the charges preferred against J. Louis Breitinger, the motion picture censor, by motion picture men in Philadelphia.

SOCIETY WOMEN'S PETS POISONED Dog poisoners in Chestnut Hill killed six valuable canines belonging to prominent society women today. Spite work is suspected by the police.

HAZLETT HEADS BOARD OF VIEWERS James Hazlett, former president of Select Council, today was elected president of the Board of Viewers.

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MAYOR DIGS FIRST SPADEFUL, STARTING TRANSIT PROGRAM, BASIS OF GREAT METROPOLIS

Warns Voters That if Plan Is Halted Again, Fault Will Be All Theirs. Philadelphia entered upon its period of rapid transit development this afternoon. Mayor Blankenburg, surrounded by his Cabinet, members of both branches of Council, and in the presence of a large crowd of citizens, turned the first spadeful of earth at the southeast corner of Independence Square for the actual beginning of the transit program, which, he promises, will make this city a metropolis equal to New York.

With the first stride toward the realization of the comprehensive transit program worked out by Director Taylor, the Mayor declared the ultimate realization of the plan lay in the hands of the people. In a stirring appeal to every voter to go to the polls on April 29 and make possible the \$6,000,000 loan, the chief executive of the city asserted that if Philadelphia failed to become such a metropolis through the step just taken the fault would be entirely with the voters.

The Mayor, with the members of his cabinet, arrived in front of Independence Hall promptly at 12:30 o'clock. Escorted by the Police Band, they marched to the corner of the square. There, mounting a platform draped with the national and city colors, the Mayor pointed to the future, declaring that the step he was about to take would launch the greatest program of municipal development ever entered upon by Philadelphia.

MAYOR IN HAPPY MOOD. "For years we have been looking forward to this day," the Mayor exclaimed, "and when this transit system, and particularly the subway delivery loop, is completed we Philadelphians may go proudly to any city in America knowing that we stand at the top."

Director Taylor opened the ceremonies with a brief address preliminary to handing the shovel to the Mayor. As he received the shovel the Mayor raised it high above his head and turned amid the cheers of the crowd so that all could see the implement soon to be made historic.

As he plunged the shovel into the earth the Mayor exclaimed, "There goes a real shovel!" Then, smiling, he pushed the shovel into the earth again and threw it out to prove that he meant to do the thing right. In quick succession shovelfuls of earth were then thrown out by Director Taylor, Mrs. Blankenburg, Mrs. Taylor, Director Cooke, Director Ziegler, Cyrus H. Foss, Jr., Secretary to the Mayor; Frank H. Ford, of the engineering firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis; H. H. Quimby, chief engineer of the Department of City Transit; Assistant Transit Director Atkinson; Select Councilman James Huston and Common Councilman Jere Shaw.

URGES VOTE FOR LOAN. A slab of stone in the pavement at the southeast corner of Independence Square, at 5th and Walnut streets, had been broken and it was here that the ground was broken. When the last person had lifted the shovel the Mayor turned to several of the policemen and asked if they wanted to try their hand. When they shook their heads the Mayor laughed heartily, returned the shovel to Director Taylor, and led the party back to the

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The Kensingtonian Says: William Wheaton, a resident of East Gescom street, who is well known as the summer mayor of Billingsport, N. J., has just planted onion seed next to his potato patch in the rear of the Billingsport City Hall. "Billie" says that in case of a drought next summer the small of the onion will make the tops of the potatoes water, and "he should worry."

LOST AND FOUND LOST—Small black nurse in Wagonway's main floor. Reward if returned to 300 Springhill ave., West Philadelphia.

Other Classified Ads on Pages 10 and 12

THE WEATHER



FAIR

Today we have a pleasant tale, a lovely tale to tell of weather minus storm or gale, fit for a sylvan dell. There's not a single word that's new-nay, like the hills, it's old, this story we must tell to you, and yet it must be told; for weather, Prophet George B. Bliss each morning, rain or shine, will have his say of that or this upon the weather line. He never fails to come to bat, predict and prophesy, and you can bet your new straw hat the weather falls to try. Sometimes he's right and sometimes wrong, but he do shed a tear. Today he sings a pleasant song, that good old "fair and clear."

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; gentle northerly winds.

Observations at Philadelphia S. A. M.

Table with weather observations: Barometer 29.50, Temperature 50, Wind 40, etc.

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco—Weather, clear; temp., 64. San Diego—Weather, clear; temp., 52.

Almanac of the Day Sun sets 6:11 p. m., Moon sets 11:25 p. m., etc.

Lamps to Be Lighted Auto and other vehicles. 6:25 p. m.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND. High water 12:10 a. m., 12:10 p. m., 12:10 a. m., 12:10 p. m.

CHRISTNUT STREET WHARF. High water 4:32 p. m., 4:32 p. m., 4:32 p. m., 4:32 p. m.

REEDY ISLAND. High water 9:50 a. m., 9:50 a. m., 9:50 a. m., 9:50 a. m.

BREAKWATER. High water 11:21 a. m., 11:21 a. m., 11:21 a. m., 11:21 a. m.